

CHECK FLASHER IN PETERSBURG

Says It's Their Check, but the Man is a Forger.

LIGHTNING STRIKES LAUNCH

Horse and Cow Killed by
Lightning in a Dinwiddie
Barn.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., June 22.—The work of a check flasher has developed here by the return of an unpaid seventy-five dollar check on the Rose-Lyon Hardware Company, of Little Rock, Ark., which was cashed at the Chesterfield Hotel, June 16th, for a young man who registered as M. S. Neely, and claimed to represent the Rose-Lyon Company. The paper was an apparently all right lithograph check on that company, but reached a Petersburg bank yesterday with the "no good" stamp.

The company's reply to a telegram from J. M. Hanrahan, the hotel proprietor, says that the check is theirs, but that Neely is a forger, as they have no such representative. Neely is described as being about thirty years old, of medium height and dark complexion, with a small amount of light-colored hair.

The company's message says that he

Dr. D. D. Wilcox's gasoline launch "Comet" was sunk in the harbor about

two o'clock last night to prevent its total destruction by a fire, supposed to have been caused by lightning. The boat was badly damaged, but is not a total loss.

Lightning struck Mr. David Meadows stable on his farm near Sutherland, Disappointment county, killing a horse and cow and destroying the building, which was burned with a quantity of harness and

George Gee, a Petersburg negro, was acquitted of the charge of murdering Sterling Lambert, in the Circuit Court of Brunswick county yesterday, the evidence not connecting him with the crime. Mr. Lambert was an old resident of the

county, and was found dead near his house, about nine miles from Lawrence-

ville, last November, the coroner's jury rendering a verdict of death by violence. Gee was arrested here, and was defended by P. H. Drewry, of Petersburg, and W. R. Turnbull, of Bradawick.

Dr. F. W. H. Broad read an excellent paper on appendicitis before the Petersburg Medical Faculty last night, and entertained the organization at a dinner at the Chesterfield. The faculty decided to adjourn the monthly meetings until the third Thursday in October.

It is understood that the peanut and wheat crops in Prince George county have been seriously damaged by the continuous and heavy rains.

A Doctor's Great Peril.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., June 2.—In attempting to ford Isaac's Creek, this county, last night, Dr. Frank T. Fina and wife, of Gainesboro, were thrown into the raging torrent and narrowly

into the raging torrent. The horse was swept from its feet and the buggy tossed by the swollen current. Dr. Fine seized his wife and swam with her to the shore and afterwards succeeded in rescuing the horse.

The creek was far out of its banks.

Bad as a Snowstorm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ETNA MILLS, VA., June 22.—Three of

the most terrific storms passed across this section of the country yesterday

that have occurred for many a day. The wind came first and knocked down shocks of wheat, and as the result of last night's cloudburst, great ponds of water can be seen, and the farmers are at a dead standstill, as no crop can be gotten in. A snowstorm would not detain the farmers more.

Newspaper Tributes

New York gathered from the papers published throughout the United States 4,685 news-

These items were carefully mounted on Irish linen leaves

and bound in 6 volumes, 400 pages to the book. A cover of genuine seal was appropriately lettered in gold and the entire

lettered in gold and the entire material, representing the work of many people for several months, has just been delivered

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also compiled four volumes containing the letters, telegrams and cards of condolence received by the family, all constituting a

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